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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Red Cross donations ran over at \$14,000,000 in one week.

A blind tiger discovered near Guthrie was so close to the State line that a survey is being made to where jurisdiction lies.

The cut in coal prices inflated out of all reason, will not bring the new prices anywhere near the normal figures. Cut again, Mr. Lane.

Brazil has revoked her declaration of neutrality. She has now reached a point where she doesn't care a cuss who whips Germany.

A fool at Newark, N. J., who threatened to kill the President, has been given a year's imprisonment. This is no time for even fools to pop off.

Mayor Gatlin, of Madisonville, tries out the new "blue law" to-morrow. The only "dissipation" allowed will be the Sunday newspapers.

The Oriental liner, Mongolia, was sunk this week by striking a mine, with loss of 17 lives. This is not the North Atlantic ship of the same name.

A pencil drummer who was knocked ten feet by a motor truck in Louisville got up smiling and presented the driver with a pencil.

The first words of a "drowned" boy at Indianapolis, when brought back to consciousness, were, "Don't tell mother, she'll lick me for going in."

The Elder-Dempster steamer Ad-dah was torpedoed without warning and sunk by a German submarine on June 15. The submarine fired on the captain's life boat, killing eight men. After wrecking the boat it continued firing at the men swimming about.

The resolution of Senator Reed calling upon the Federal Trade Commission to inform the Senate why it had not ordered the newsprint manufacturers to desist from "illegal practices and exorbitant charges," was passed by the Senate Thursday without objection.

President Wilson has the trust magnates bluffed to a stand still. When two cabinet ministers ordered the coal men to fix "reasonable prices," they passed the price-fixing up to the government itself, from fear of the anti-trust law which forbids combinations to fix prices.

The Third Kentucky will soon be a thing of the past. All National Guard Regiments are to be renumbered and given national numbers, without regard to the States supplying them. The Third Ky. may hereafter be designated as the "Three Hundred and Third Infantry (Ky)."

Mayor R. W. Lisanby, of Princeton, publishes a signed card in the advertising columns of the Leader, giving his side of the row on city lighting. He says that the city was paying nearly \$2,000 too much for its street lighting and he attempted to stop the "skinning."

REPUBLICAN NOMINATION CONFIRMED BY SENATE

Washington, June 27.—Confirmation of the nomination of Lester H. Woolsey, of New York, as Solicitor of the State Department, was voted 58 to 16 by the Senate today, after two hours of debate in executive session. Mr. Woolsey, who is a Republican, for several years has been on the department legal staff and has been active in the diplomatic negotiations of the war period. Some Democrats of the Senate opposed him, but the President refused to withdraw his nomination.

TEACHERS NEXT WEEK.

The County Teachers Institute will meet in the city next Monday and be in session all of the week. As previously announced the teachers will take part in a convention to be held at Virginia Park Wednesday night.

KHAKI BOYS ON THE JOB

Yankee Soldiers, Wearing Tan of Mexico and West Indies Mingle With Populace.

TRIUMPH OF SEA TRANSIT

Never in World's History Has Great Army Moved Across Ocean so Swiftly.

Washington, June 29.—The advance guard of the mighty army the United States is preparing to send against Germany is on French soil. In defiance of the German submarines thousands of seasoned regulars and marines, trained fighting men with the tan of long service on the Mexican border, or in Haiti or Santo Domingo still on their faces, have been hastened overseas to fight beside the French, the British, the Belgian, the Russian, the Portuguese and the Italian troops on the western front.

News of the safe arrival of the troops sent a new thrill through Washington. No formal announcement came from the war department. None will come probably, until Major General Pershing's official report has been received. Then there may be a statement as to the numbers and composition of the advance guard.

Press dispatches from France, presumably sent forward with the approval of Gen. Pershing's staff, show that Maj. Gen. Sibert, one of the new major generals of the army has been given command of the first force sent abroad under Gen. Pershing as commander-in-chief of the expedition.

One thing stands out sharply, despite the fact that the size of the task that has been accomplished is not fully revealed as yet. This is that American enterprise has set a new record for the transportation of troops.

Considering the distance to be covered and the fact that all preparations had to be made after the order came from the White House, the night of May 18, it is practically certain that never before has a military expedition of this size been assembled, conveyed and landed with accident in so short a time by any nation. It is a good augury of future achievements.



In addition to the 145 men previously reported, two more lots of recruits have joined Co. D, at Lexington. Last week the following left:

- Willie Keel,
 - Will Sneed,
 - James Davis,
 - William Hayes,
 - Gordon Walker,
- Yesterday another squad left in charge of Wm. T. Perkins, as follows:
- Wm. T. Perkins, in charge,
 - Edgar Marshall,
 - Walter B. Bohannon,
 - Raymond Murphy,
 - James Higgins,
 - Fred Radford,
 - Clardy White,
 - Henry G. Adcock,
 - Watson Gilbert.

Co. D is already full, but some men will be transferred to other branches of the service to make room for these and others to be enlisted.

Addison William Jones, one of the Kentuckian printers who left here to join the Coast Artillery, is now at Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y., having been assigned to a French Motor Battery, of 180 men, expecting to be sent to the front at any time. He writes that he is in fine health and eager for a chance for action.



Bowling Green Growing.
Bowling Green post-office has been raised from the second to the first class, due to its heavy increase in receipts the fiscal year ending June 30.

DEFENSE BODY URGES THRIFT

Need For Food Conservation by the Public Is Earnestly Emphasized.

ATTENDANCE WAS SMALL

Soldiers Asked to Invest In Liberty Bonds to Half of Their Pay.

The Second District Council for National Defense met here Tuesday. The meeting first announced for The Avalon at 10 o'clock did not materialize, but in the afternoon some delegates arrived and another meeting was held at the rooms of the Business Men's Association. Judge W. T. Fowler presided. Representatives from eight counties were present. Speeches urging every citizen to do his bit in every possible way were made. Food conservation was especially urged. Resolutions were adopted calling upon the millers not to remove nutritious elements in order to whiten their product, and they were urged to add one-fourth corn flour. Soldiers were requested to invest half their pay in Liberty bonds and housekeepers were asked to dry or evaporate foodstuffs, so as to meet the shortage in cans. Plans were discussed for marketing all surplus vegetables. This will be further discussed at the next meeting, July 25th, at Owensboro. Next Sunday was designated as food conservation day and ministers were urged to preach on the subject.

VENIZELOS MINISTRY TAKES OATH

Enthusiastic Crowd Cheers Members of New Greek Cabinet.

Athens, June 29.—The new Greek Ministry, headed by Eleutherios Venizelos, took the oath at the palace, and was acclaimed by an enthusiastic crowd on their return to the government building, where M. Venizelos delivered a speech from a balcony, warmly thanking the people for their plaudits. Strong military precautions against possible disorders proved unnecessary, as the malcontents showing themselves were in a small minority.

THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

A series of evangelistic meetings will begin at the Universalist Church on Sunday at 11:00 a. m. The Rev. John M. Ratcliff of Beecher City, Ill. will supply the pulpit Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mr. Ratcliff is secretary of the Rural Commission of the Universalist Church is a young minister of unusual promise, and all are cordially invited to hear him on Sunday.

Beginning Monday evening, July 2, the Rev. E. Dean Ellenwood of Elgin, Ill., will preach every evening during the week, at 8:00 o'clock.

Mr. Ellenwood is a minister of fine ability. He has built up a large influential church at Elgin, the third largest Universalist church in Illinois; he was for a number of years the efficient pastor of the Universalist church in Atlanta, serving at the same time as editor of the religious department of the Atlanta Georgian.

The Universalist Church at Hopkinsville is very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Ellenwood for the evangelistic meetings, beginning as noted above, July 1.

Fixed Him.
Mrs. Minnie Carter had her drunken husband to the bed while he slept in their home near Cumberland, Md., and then shot him to death.

A PASTOR'S DIAMOND DEAL

Got Pins Worth \$675 On Claim He Wanted His Wife to Approve Them.

E. C. Cravens, former pastor of the Christian church at Princeton, Ky., who is missing, secured diamonds valued at \$675 from the jewelry store of James K. Lemon & Sons, Louisville, last Tuesday.

Nothing has been heard of Cravens, and since he has been reported missing from his home in Princeton the matter will be presented to the grand jury at once.

Mr. Goslee Geiger, the vice-president of Lemon's, says Cravens came into the store and said he had noticed the advertisement of a special sale of diamonds. He selected two pins, one worth \$400 and one \$275. He said he wanted to take them to his wife for her approval. He gave a bank in Eminence, Ky., where he formerly lived, as reference. The firm called up the bank and was told that Cravens had recently married a wealthy widow and that his request to take the diamonds on approval seemed reasonable.

As told in the Evening Post Cravens, who has been pastor of the Christian church in Princeton since last February, left there in a seven-passenger touring car belonging to his wife, who was away on a visit at the time. He left a note saying, in effect, that when she returned he would probably be aboard a vessel on his way to Europe.—Louisville Post.

CIRCUIT COURT NEARING END

Important Empire Coal Co., Suit is Now on Trial.

The important case of The Empire Coal Co., vs. The Empire Coal & Mining Co., a complicated case with many witnesses, is on trial this week with Judge Bush on the bench. It has been in progress two days and will take up all the court's time, except for closing order. The term winds up today. It has been a busy month, many important cases, including two murder trials, having been disposed of.

There are three prisoners to be taken to Eddyville as follows:
L. G. Lucas, shooting, 3 years.
Tony Dattilo, Jr., robbery, 1 year.
Josh O'Brien, col., robbery, 3 yrs.
Court has been continued next week and on Monday the Cadiz road injunction suit will be tried.

PROF. FOSTER ANNOUNCES

For Re-Election, Subject To the Action of the Democratic Primary.



We are authorized to announce L. E. FOSTER as a candidate for Superintendent of Common Schools in Christian county, at the primary on August 4.

COAL MEN YIELD \$180,000,000

Operators of All Bituminous Fields East of the Mississippi Fix the Price

\$1 TO \$5 A TON SLASH

Agreement by Mine Owners Yielding to Government's Insistent Demand.

Washington, June 29.—The sweeping reductions in the price of bituminous coal at all mines east of the Mississippi river, ranging from one to five dollars a ton to the public, with a further cut of fifty cents to the government, were agreed upon at conferences between the operators and officials. The new prices become effective Sunday, July 1st.

Four hundred operators, who gathered at a call from Secretary Lane, pledged themselves to furnish their product at a reasonable price, were represented in the final conferences by committees from each field. Earlier in the day they had agreed to place the price-fixing unconditionally in the hands of the government through the defense council's coal production committee. Secretary Lane and Commissioner Fort of the federal trade commission, thus avoiding the possibility of violating the anti-trust laws. Director Smith of the geological survey, estimated that the reduced prices would mean that the operators would get \$180,000,000 less annually for their output, and that a saving to the government and the coal-consuming public would be even greater.

JOBBERS' PROFIT DEFINED.

In addition to placing prices upon coal at the mines, it was announced that jobbers, brokers, retailers and commission men would be permitted to charge commissions of not more than 25 cents a ton, and that not more than one commission should be charged. In other words, the consumer will get his coal at the mine price, plus transportation charges and 50 cents per ton. The agreement does not affect anthracite. The anthracite producers have indicated a willingness to meet the government in the same spirit manifested by the bituminous men.

In the final conferences trade secrets between competitors, cost prices and other confidential information was laid on the table and the government, acting as judge, decided what would be the highest price paid at the mines, prices to go into effect on the first of July, to stay in effect until investigations are made and other changes are ordered.

VARYING COAL CUTS.

Representatives from various states were asked to give the minimum price at which they could furnish coal. The Clearfield district of Pennsylvania agreed to fix its price for coal as it was loaded at the mouth of the mine at \$5.25 to \$3.00. Virginia did likewise. West Virginia reduced the current contract price of \$5.60 to \$3.00, and Illinois and Indiana reduced their prices to \$2.75 for coal as it came from the mine.

Alabama, which mines under difficulties with special expenses, reduced its price from \$5.50 to \$3.00 at the lowest, and \$4.00 at the highest.

All the remaining districts east of Illinois that were represented also agreed to the new figures except one or two with special conditions, which were deferred for further consideration.

Only the districts west of Illinois—Iowa, Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma and the Southwest—which were not represented, remain yet to be accounted for, and there is no doubt in the minds of officials that these districts will agree to the price reduction.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet Monday, July 2, at 3 o'clock p. m. All members are urged to be present and visitors cordially invited.

STRONGHOLD SOON TO FALL

Kaiser's Crack Troops Hurl-ed Back on Two Mile Line Before City.

FALL EXPECTED SOON

Victors Make Their Winnings Safe and Seemed Poised For Final Smash.

Canadians—men from all parts of the dominion—have taken another whack at the German lines protecting Lens, the coal center in the department of Pas De Calais, and have been rewarded with a further encroachment upon their objective.

Striking on a two mile front south of Lens, the Canadians from Nova Scotia, Central Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia, stormed and captured German first line positions before Avion and also the village of Lavettee. They defeated in their onslaughts men of the crack Prussian guard and the fifth grenadier guards, whose machine gun and rifle fire and the fact that the attacking forces had to cut through wire entanglements could not stay them.

When the battle ended and the Canadians began their work of consolidating the newly-won positions, their line had been extended to within one mile of the center of Lens, the fall of which under such tenacious assaults as have been made recently seemingly cannot be delayed.

On the remainder of the front in France there have been only bombardments between the French and Germans. In Belgium the Germans are carrying out heavy bombardments of French and Belgian positions at numerous points from the sea southward. In attacks south of St. George the Germans entered French trenches but later were ejected from them, suffering heavily.

Only minor operations are in progress on the other fronts. In the Russian theatre the fighting is still spirited in Galicia. On the Austro-Italian zone infantry attacks have again ceased for the moment and only artillery duels continue to feature the fighting in Macedonia.

VILLA NEAR-ING JUAREZ

Sends Message To Garrison Challenging It For An Open Fight.

El Paso, Tex., June 29.—Francisco villa was at Villa Ahumada, eighty-five miles south of Juarez, to-day with a force of 1,500 men and was moving toward Juarez, according to information received by Government agents. Residents of Juarez fear he may attempt to capture the border town.

Train service has been suspended between Juarez and Chihuahua City. The railroad telegraph line was left open, however, and a message signed "Francisco Villa" was received in Juarez last night from Terrazas Station inviting Gen. Jose Carlos Murguia to come out and fight.

WORKMAN HURT IN MACHINERY

At The Mogul Wagon Works Yesterday Afternoon.

Robt. Morgan, a workman at the Mogul Wagon Works was injured yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. He got his clothing caught in a line shaft and was badly hurt. He was taken to the hospital. The full extent of his injuries was not known at the press hour.